

Applic. No. 10/653,653
Amdt. dated February 3, 2006
Reply to Office action of November 3, 2005

Remarks/Arguments:

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-11 and 13 are now in the application. Claims 5 and 8 have been amended. Support for the amendment to claim 5 can be found in Fig. 1 and pages 5 and 6 of the specification. Support for the amendment to claim 8 can be found in the last paragraph on page 3 of the specification. Claim 13 has been added. Support for claim 13 can be found in Fig. 1 and pages 5 and 6 of the specification. No new matter has been added.

In the first paragraph on page 3 of the above-noted Office action, claims 1, 2, 5-8, 10, 11 have been rejected as being fully anticipated by Adderton et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No.2002/0092364 A1) (hereinafter "Adderton") under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

As will be explained below, it is believed that the claims were patentable over the cited art in their original form and the claims have, therefore, not been amended to overcome the references.

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Before discussing the prior art in detail, it is believed that a brief review of the invention as claimed, would be helpful.

Claims 1 and 11 call for, *inter alia*:

a transmission means for wireless data transmission is integrated in the sensor module.

On page 3 of the Office action, the Examiner states that Adderton discloses a sensor element (116) as recited in claim 1 of the instant application. The Examiner further states that in paragraph [0087], Adderton discloses that a transmission means (131) is integrated in the device (116).

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner. More specifically, Adderton discloses that the data transmitter (131) is provided for a plurality of sensor modules (116), which are distributed around the circumference of a tire (Figs. 11 and 12 and paragraph [0087]). Adderton does not disclose that the data transmitter (131) is integrated in the module (116). Therefore, it is respectfully believed that the Examiner's comments that Adderton discloses that the transmission means is integrated in the device are not correct.

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As seen from the above-given comments, the reference does not show a transmission means for wireless data transmission is integrated in the module, as recited in claims 1 and 11 of the instant application.

Since claim 1 is believed to be allowable, dependent claims 2, 5-8, and 10 are believed to be allowable as well.

Even though claims 5, 8, and 13 are believed to be allowable, the following further remarks pertain to claims 5, 8, and 13.

Adderton does not disclose that a flexible housing includes at least two flexible foils, a first one of the flexible foils supports at least one sensor element and a second one of the flexible foils overlaps the first one of the flexible foils and supports a transmission means, as recited in claims 5 and 12 of the instant application.

With respect to the sensor element in claim 8 of the instant application, the Examiner refers to paragraph [0057] of Adderton, where it is disclosed that the sensors may be made of capacitors. Adderton does not disclose that the sensor module incorporates a memory element configured to store specific data that is not data sensed by the sensor element, as recited in claim 8 of the instant application.

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In the first paragraph on page 5 of the Office action, claims 3, 4, and 9 have been rejected as being obvious over Adderton (U.S. Patent Publication No.2002/0092364 A1) in view of Konchin et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0102966 A1) (hereinafter "Konchin") under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Konchin does not make up for the deficiencies of Adderton. Since claim 1 is believed to be allowable, dependent claims 3, 4, and 9 are believed to be allowable as well.

It is accordingly believed to be clear that none of the references, whether taken alone or in any combination, either show or suggest the features of claims 1 or 11. Claims 1 and 11 are, therefore, believed to be patentable over the art and since all of the dependent claims are ultimately dependent on claims 1 or 11, they are believed to be patentable as well.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-11 and 13 are solicited.

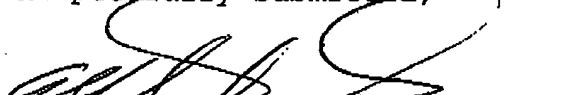
In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel respectfully requests a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

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If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition
for extension is herewith made.

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